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ANNUAL REPORT

for the
Town
of
GROTON
New Hampshire



Groton School House

For the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 1975



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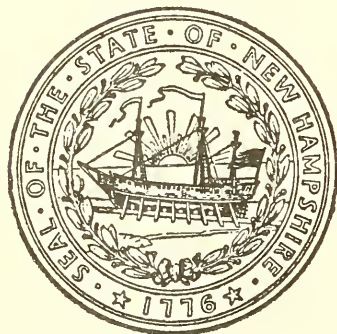
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DECEMBER 31, 1975

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TOWN OFFICERS

12/31/75

Moderator

William Anderson

Selectmen

David J. Albert

Richard W. Clancy

Wendell H. Gilchrist

Town Clerk

Mildred E. Schweitzer

Tax Collector

Mildred E. Schweitzer

Treasurer

Bonnie Lee Albert

Road Agent

Lewis J. Albert

Librarian

Katherine Buck

Police

Carl J. Pebbles Sr. (deceased)

Constable

David J. Albert

Health Officers

Selectmen

Auditor

Paul M. Buck

Trustee of Trust Funds

Helen Albert

Library Trustees

Helen Albert

Verna Matthews

Bonnie Lee Albert

Fire Warden

C. Denis Matthews

Deputy Wardens

James Albert

James Parris

Perley Woodward

David J. Albert

Edward Smith

Secretary to Selectmen

C. Denis Matthews

Supervisors of Check List

Judith Dill

Elaine Karkheck

Yvonne Stevens

SELECTMEN'S LETTER

The year 1975 was an unusual one in that we had several changes in personnel and some unexpected expenses. We were very appreciative of the assistance and understanding of many of our townspeople.

Groton's Planning Board, authorized at the 1975 Town Meeting, was appointed and organized and has held several meetings laying the groundwork to become operational. Public Meetings will be held from time to time to allow townspeople the opportunity to decide the direction in which Groton's growth will proceed.

We had hoped to sell the Groton School House during the summer as directed by the voters at Town Meeting. Our Town Counsel had difficulty in his search of the deeds. He has recommended asking voters at Town Meeting 1976 to decide on the basis of these findings.

We would particularly like to thank our Town Clerk and Tax Collector, Mrs. Mildred Schweitzer for the outstanding job she has done. The task of taking on two new jobs with much new legislation in both areas seemed overwhelming. She has attended many conferences and has received help from her counterparts around the State. The ease with which we move to staggered automobile registrations this year will depend a great deal on our Town Clerk.

Your Selectmen expect to receive \$5,015.39 before Town Meeting; this is the balance due from the Federal Government as a result of our 1973 flood. We feel fortunate in getting it because some of the ground rules changed since 1973 and many towns were no longer eligible. Had we not had an exceptional set of papers and the help of Congressman Jim Cleveland we are not sure we would be receiving the balance due.

We ask folks to take a deep breath and look realistically at the future of our Town roads. The rebuilding of the Hall Brook Road jolted us to realize that, with spiraling costs, we are barely able to keep our roads passable, let alone improving them. We have not asked for a major appropriation this year, but we believe we should consider a substantial long range road improvement program in the very near future.

And, we should note that the \$7,500 raised in 1974 for the 100% revaluation remained in surplus in 1975 upon the recommendation of the Department of Revenue Administration. Subsequent to the vote at Town Meeting 1975, a petition was filed in Concord to revalue. The Town's equalization factor has now dropped to 29% of true value. We believe that reassessment by professional people would be equitable, but we are fearful that many non-resident landowners will be applying for current use exemptions, shifting the tax burden to the residents, as has happened in many towns. We again offer the article to revalue to sound out our voters.

We have estimates for a new furnace for the Selectmen's Office and Library. Five hundred dollars was appropriated a few years ago and is in surplus but is not enough for a new one. Your Selectmen ask you to consider the long range plans for the use of the building and care of the Library books, and certainly the availability of fuels, before voting on this issue.

We have asked for a substantial increase in the police area: this is discussed in the police report.

Richard W. Clancy
David J. Albert
Wendell H. Gilchrist
Selectmen

**TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the second day of March 1976 next, at 3:00 of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give a two (2) percent discount for payment of taxes paid within fifteen (15) days after the Tax Collector's mailing date.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deeds.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following amounts to be placed in the Capital Reserve Funds:
 - a. \$1,000 for a new truck
 - b. \$2,000 for tax maps
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes.
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept aid relative to State and Federal disaster money.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$287.01, and the State will contribute \$1,913.39 for Class IV and V construction.
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the Revenue Sharing Fund all monies available for the purpose of reducing the summer and winter maintenance appropriation.
10. To see if the Town will continue plowing driveways at the fee of \$25 per driveway, exempting residents on social security or receiving elderly exemptions.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500) for the sealing of Town Roads:

- a. Sculptured Rocks Rd.
- b. Cheever Rd.
- c. River Rd.

12. To see what action the Town will take on revaluation by the State Division of Property Appraisal, and make appropriation for same. (Similar article entered by Petition).

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract for matching funds, and make appropriation for same:

- a. LEAA, \$250 for new equipment in police department.

14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the School House at public auction.

15. To see if the Town will allow the Selectmen to appoint a caretaker of cemeteries.

16. To see if the Town will vote to continue to have the Tax Collector-Town Clerk hold office hours at the Selectmen's Office.

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new furnace for the Selectmen's Office and Library, and make appropriations for same.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums:

- a. One Hundred Fifty-Five (\$155.00) dollars to defray one-half of the Town's share (on a per capita basis) of the estimated costs of the Newfound Area Bicentennial Committee expenses.

- b. Four Hundred (\$400.00) dollars to be used to cover expenses incurred in the Town's Bicentennial celebration. All monies not used will revert to the General Fund.

- c. One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars to be used, with matching Federal Funds if available, for restoration of the Town House.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) dollars for a used loader/backhoe.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty (\$80.00) dollars for the Baker River Audio Visual Center.

21. To see if the Town will vote to take the following action on Town Roads:

a. Discontinue the Capt. Henry Phelps Rd. from the house to the old sap house.

b. Raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) dollars for road signs (speed, slow, etc.) for Sculptured Rocks Rd., Cheever Rd., & River Rd.

22. (by petition) To see if the Town will vote to hold the one person who requested the April 1975 audit of the Selectmen's books responsible for the costs of same.

23. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to dispose of the Clifton Hutchins buildings.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for flood prevention work.

25. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Richard W. Clancy
David J. Albert
Wendell H. Gilchrist
Selectmen of Groton

Polls opened 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Business meeting begins at 6:30. Ballots will be counted at conclusion of business meeting.

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	\$ 916,683
Buildings	551,450
Public Utilities, electric	276,600
House Trailer, Mobile Homes (55)	83,025
Boats (4)	1,600

Total before exemptions	1,829,358
Elderly Exemptions (5)	8,700

Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	1,820,658
Electric Co. Operating Plant	
New England Power	264,000
N.H. Electric	12,600

	276,600
Electric Co. Non-operating plant	
N.E. Power (land)	22,850
Number of Inventories Distributed in 1975	322
Date 1975 Inventories Mailed	March 14, 1975
Number of Inventories Returned	215

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land & Bldgs.	3,500
Furniture & Equip.	1,900
Libraries, Land & Bldgs.	1,500
Furniture & Equip.	1,000
Police Equipment	200
Fire Equipment	200
Highway Dept. Land & Bldgs	500
Equipment	9,000
School, Land & bldgs	1,000
Selectmen's Office	1,500
Equipment	600
Town Dump	1,000
All Other Property & Equipment	21,900

Itemization of Current Use, Acreage & Assessment

Norco Corp.	90 acres		
		Assessed value	2,700
		current use value	783
Total of all land improved and unimproved			918,600
Assessed value minus Current use value			1,917

			\$916,683

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenues for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	3,000.00	2,972.86	3,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,600.00	2,551.64	2,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	250.00	493.42	650.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	1,000.00	450.67	1,000.00

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	850.00	698.25	2,000.00
Fire Department	750.00	562.26	750.00
Insurance	1,200.00	2,134.00	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	200.00	271.06	500.00
Damages & Legal Expense	250.00	909.50	250.00
Health Dept. [Inc. Hospitals & Ambulance]:	500.00	384.00	500.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,000.00	760.99	1,000.00

Highways & Bridges:

Town Maintenance			
Winter 5,104.94	12,000.00	9,380.67	12,000.00
Summer 4,275.73			

Street Lighting	225.00	192.00	225.00
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General Expenses of Highway Dept.	1,800.00	2,033.00	2,500.00
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Town Road Aid	291.08	333.48	287.01
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Libraries:	500.00	506.00	500.00
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Flood Loan:		1,104.48	
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Public Welfare:

Town Poor	250.00		250.00
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Old Age Assistance	1,200.00	665.00	1,200.00
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Patriotic Purposes [Memorial Day, Etc.]	200.00	39.43	200.00
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Recreation:	250.00		250.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	300.00	188.74	300.00
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Debt Service:

Interest on Temporary Loans	500.00	48.89	500.00
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Capital Outlay:

School	30,000.00	34,967.46	30,000.00
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County	7,500.00	7,210.60	7,500.00
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Tn. hse. 1,000.00			
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Lib. Lts. 200.00			
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seal. 4,500.00	5,700.00	4,851.15	4,500.00
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TRA		2,814.52	
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Bicentennial	169.40	169.40	1,555.00
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Revaluation			4,000.00
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Road Signs			350.00
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Furnace			1,300.00
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Loader			9,000.00
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Payment to Capital Reserve Funds:

Town Truck	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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Tax Maps	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	74,485.48	79,693.47	93,067.01
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- 7,500.00

- 4,925.68

62,059.80

SOURCES OF REVENUE:

From State:

Gas Tax	3,492.70	3,492.70	3,454.06
Fire Mtg.		19.56	
Interest & Dividends Tax	100.00	134.94	100.00
Savings Bank Tax	100.00	65.51	65.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	800.00	954.94	950.00
Highway Subsidy (CI IV & V)	220.52	220.52	938.40
Reimbursement Forest Conservation Aid 74	100.00	353.27	350.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	200.00	195.48	195.00
Recreational Lands		51.75	50.00
TRA		2,481.15	

From Local Sources:

Dog Licenses	100.00	111.00	100.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	25.00	15.00	15.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,000.00	2,029.97	2,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	200.00	195.81	200.00
Resident Taxes Retained	1,000.00	1,070.00	1,150.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	1,000.00	2,858.77	1,000.00
Rent of Town Property	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Sale of Town Property	100.00	153.38	
Income from Departments			
Gift	150.00	100.00	100.00
Planning		200.00	
**Surplus	10,000.00		10,000.00

From Federal Sources:

Revenue Sharing	5,000.00	4,925.68	5,000.00
Flood	10,000.00		5,015.39
*TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES	<u>35,588.22</u>	<u>20,729.43</u>	<u>32,782.85</u>
EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES			

***Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes**

\$60,284.16

TOTAL REVENUES

93,067.01

*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year give "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes".

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR TAX YEAR 1975

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	3,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,600.00
Election & Registration	250.00
Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	1,000.00
Police Dept.	850.00
Fire Dept.	750.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Planning	200.00
Damages & Legal	250.00
Health	500.00
Town Dump	1,000.00
Summer & Winter Main.	4,925.68
	7,074.32
Street Lights	225.00
Gen. Highway Exp.	1,800.00
TRA	291.08
Libraries	500.00
Town Poor	250.00
OAA	1,200.00
Patriotic Purposes	200.00
Recreation	250.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Int. Temporary loans	500.00
Capital Outlay:	
Library Lights	200.00
Repair Town Hall	1,000.00
Sealing Roads	4,500.00
Capital Reserve:	
Town Truck	1,000.00
Maps	2,000.00

	\$36,816.08

Revenues :

Interest & Dividends Tax	134.00
Savings Bank Tax	65.00
Reimburse. state lands	353.00
Yield Taxes	866.00
Rooms & Meals	954.00
Interest on Taxes	100.00
Business licenses, permits	10.00
Dog licenses	107.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,681.00
Plowing Drives	1,100.00
Longyear gift	100.00
Sale of Town Property	53.00
Resident Taxes	1,150.00
Revenue Sharing (contra)	4,925.00
Highway Subsidy	3,492.00

Total Rev. & Credits	15,090.00
Net Town Appropriations	21,726.08
Net School Appropriations	30,131.58
County Tax Assessment	7,210.60

Total Town, School, County	59,068.26
Less: Business Profits Reimb.	-196.00
Add: War. Service Tax credits	1,600.00
Add: Overlay	2,340.44

Property Taxes to be raised	\$62,812.70
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1,820,658 x 3.45 equals \$62,812.70

Gross Prop. Taxes	62,812.70
Less: War Service Credits	1,600.00

Total Tax Commitment	\$61,212.70
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Totally disabled veteran spouse or widow (1)	600.00
War Veterans (20) @ \$50	1,000.00

Resident Taxes 115 x \$10

Tax Rate: \$3.45

Town \$1.40, School \$1.65, County \$.40

BALANCE SHEET
Ending December 31, 1975

ASSETS

Cash in hands of Treasurer	13,306.89
Accounts due the Town	
Federal Flood Relief	5,015.39
State of N.H. - Duncan	938.40
Prepaid Insurance	1,477.00
Unredeemed Taxes	1,646.42
Uncollected Taxes	
Property	7,724.08
Resident	350.00
Yield	94.80
73 Property	25.89
Interest Accrued	57.93
Revenue Sharing	2,502.58

Total Assets	\$33,139.38

LIABILITIES

School District Tax Payable	4,810.01
Allocated Funds	
Tax valuation	7,500.00
Furnace	500.00

Total Liabilities	\$12,810.01
Current Surplus	20,329.37

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$33,139.38

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS
12-31-75

Surplus 12-31-74	17,816.77
Adjustment for flood relief due to re-audit	-6,089.09
Prior Yrs. taxes redeemed	144.49
Add excess of Revenue over expenditures	8,457.20

	\$20,329.37

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
TOWN OF GROTON
Year Ended 12-31-75

Revenues :

1975 Property Tax	60,341.80
State of N.H.	8,687.70
Grants from USA	2,311.00
Motor Vehicle Registrations	2,029.97
1975 Resident Taxes	1,180.00
Driveways	1,100.00
1975 Yield Taxes	939.63
Tax Sales Redeemed	262.40
1974 Interest	205.57
Interest from Revenue Sharing	191.58
Dog Licenses	111.00
Gifts	100.00
1975 Interest	57.93
1974 Yield	40.73
1974 Resident Taxes	30.00
1974 Resident Tax Penalties	21.00
Business Permits	15.00
1975 Resident Tax Penalties	4.00

	\$77,629.31

Expenses :

School	27,641.46
County	7,210.60
Sealing	3,843.27
Highway Subsidy	3,024.51
Reserve Funds	3,000.00
Town Officers Salaries	2,972.86
TRA	2,814.52
Town Officers' Expenses	2,584.18
Winter Maintenance	2,465.21
Gen. Highway Expenses	2,209.89
Summer Maintenance	1,812.89
Insurance	1,778.00
Legal Expenses	1,001.78
Town House	857.88
Town Dump	751.99
Police	698.25
Old Age Assistance	665.00

Fire	562.26
Discounts & abatements	549.92
Libraries	500.00
Election & Registration	493.42
Town Hall expenses	450.67
Health Dept.	384.00
Street Lights	192.00
Cemeteries	188.74
Library Lights	150.00
Planning Board	71.06
Interest	48.89
Uncollected Debt	40.03
Bicentennial & Patriotic	208.83
	<u> </u>
	\$69,172.11
Surplus (Excess of revenues over expenses)	\$8,457.20

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT **1975**

Motor Vehicles	\$2,097.97	
Less: Clerk's Fees	68.00	

		\$2,029.97

Dog Licenses	121.00	
Less: Clerk's Fees	10.00	

		111.00

Snowplowing Driveways		1,100.00

		\$3,240.97

Respectfully submitted
Mildred E. Schweitzer
Town Clerk

PETTY CASH SUMMARY

Cash Received from Selectmen:		
5/19/75	\$30.00	
7/21/75	50.00	

		\$80.00
Expenditures:		
Stamps for Dog Notices		
Resident Taxes, Snowplowing,		
Property Tax Bills, and		
Envelopes & Office Supplies	58.01	
Certified Mail & M.O.	16.95	

	\$74.96	
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1975		\$5.04

Respectfully submitted
Mildred E. Schweitzer
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

----- DEBITS

1975	Property	61,888.31
	Yield	939.63
	Resident	1,170.00
	Added Property	12.62
	Resident Penalties	4.00
	Added Resident	20.00
1974	Property	13,464.07
	Yield	2,115.79
	Resident Penalties	21.00
	Added Residents	30.00
	Residents	270.00
	Interest	205.57
Overpayment	1975 Property	8.60

		\$80,149.59

CREDITS

1975	Property	52,626.32
	Yield	844.83
	Resident	830.00
	Resident Penalties	4.00
1974	Residents	240.00
	Property	13,262.58
	Yield	2,013.94
	Interest	205.57
	Resident Penalties	21.00
Abatements		
	1975 Property	821.73
	Resident	10.00
	1974 Property	175.60
	Resident	60.00
	Yield	101.85
Discounts	1975 Property	737.40
Uncollected		
	1975 Property	7,724.08
	Yield	94.80
	Resident	350.00
	1973 Property - bad check	25.89

		\$80,149.59

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS

Debits

	1974	1973
Balance Unredeemed 1-1-75		144.49
Taxes sold to Town during year	1,884.61	
Interest Collected after Sale	1.84	17.38
Redemption costs	5.00	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$1,891.45	\$ 161.87

CREDITS

Remittances to Treas.		
Redemptions	238.19	144.49
Int. & Costs	6.84	17.38
Unredeemed 12-31-75	1,646.42	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$1,891.45	\$ 161.87

Respectfully,
Mildred E. Schweitzer
Tax Collector

REPORT OF TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Mildred E. Schweitzer, Collector

74 Resident Tax	\$ 210.00
74 Property	11,612.66
74 Yield	2,013.94
74 Interest	195.81
Res.Tax Penalty	25.00
75 Res. Tax	860.00
75 Property Tax	52,685.27
75 Yield	844.83
Taxes Redeemed	2,432.61

State Of New Hampshire

74 Reimb. State & Fed. Forest Reserve Lands	353.27
Gasoline Tax	3,492.70
Duncan Fund	220.52
Business Profits	195.48
Bank Tax	65.51
Int. & Div. Tax	134.94
Meals & Rooms Tax	954.94
Reimb. TRA	2,481.15
Forest Fire Mtg.	19.56
75 Reimb. State Owned Rec. Land	51.75

Pemigewasset National Bank

Temp Loan	10,000.00
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Town Clerk

Motor Vehicle Permits	2,029.97
Dog Tax	111.00
Plowing Drives	1,100.00

Lewis J. Albert

Reimb. Tires	53.38
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Kelley's Shell Sta.

Sale of Plow	100.00
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Selectmen

Pistol Permits	10.00
Building permits	5.00

Bonnie Albert, Treas.	
Redeposited uncashed check	9.00

Longyear Foundation	
Gift to Town	100.00

Individual Taxpayers	
Redeposit of returned Checks	636.86

Bonnie Albert, Treas.	
Revenue Sharing Fund	4,925.68

Paul M. Buck	
Groton Planning Bd.	200.00

Total	<u> </u>
Cash on Hand 1-1-75	\$ 98,130.83
	10,608.72

GRAND TOTAL	<u> </u>
	\$108,739.55

PAYMENTS

Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 94,654.10	
Bank Charges, printed cks.	57.31	
Bank Charges, ins. funds	721.25	
	<u> </u>	
		95,432.66
		<u> </u>
		\$13,306.89

Respectfully submitted
Bonnie Lee Albert
Treasurer

REVENUE SHARING FUND

Bal. beginning of year 1-1-75	4,925.68
Deposits	2,311.00
Interest	191.58
Withdrawal 7-28-75	4,925.68
	<u> </u>
Balance 12-31-75	\$2,502.58

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

Property Taxes 1975	52,685.27
Resident Taxes 1975	860.00
Yield Taxes 1975	844.83
Property & Yield, Previous Year	13,626.60
Resident Taxes, previous year	210.00
Interest	195.81
Resident Tax Penalties	25.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	2,432.61

From State

TRA	2,481.15
Class V Maintenance	220.52
Highway Subsidy	3,492.70
Interest & dividends	134.94
Reimb. State Forest Lands	353.27
Savings Bank Tax	65.51
Meals & Rooms Tax	954.94
Reimb. Business Profits Tax	195.48
Reimb. Recreational Lands	51.75
Reimb. Forest Fire Mtgs.	19.56

From Local Sources Except Taxes

Dog Licenses	111.00
Permits	15.00
Rent of Town Property	1,100.00
Planning Board	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	2029.97

~~2,209.97~~

Receipts other than Current

Proceeds of temporary Loan	10,000.00
Gift	100.00
Sale of Town Property	153.38
Revenue Sharing	4,925.68
Redeposit Taxpayers returned checks	636.86
Uncashed check	9.00

	98,130.83
Cash on Hand 1-1-75	10,608.72

\$108,739.55

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government

Town Officers' Salaries	2,972.86
Town Officers' Expenses	2,551.64
Election & Registration	493.42
Town Hall & Other Bldgs	450.67

Protection of Persons & Property

Police Department	698.25
Fire	562.26
Planning	271.06
Insurance	2,134.00

Health

Dump	384.00
	760.99

Highways

TRA	2,814.52
Summer	4,275.73
Winter	5,104.94
General	2,033.00
Street Lights	192.00

Libraries

Flood Loan	506.00
	1,104.48

Public Welfare

Old Age Assistance	665.00
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Patriotic Purposes

208.83

Public Service

Cemeteries	188.74
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Unclassified, Legal and Damages

Taxes bought by Town	909.50
Discounts & refunds	2,114.44
Taxpayers checks returned	212.47
Employees Tax Withheld	721.25
	(351.30)

Debt Service Interest

48.89

Principal On Debt

10,000.00

Capital Outlay:

Town House	857.88
Library Lights	150.00
Highway Subsidy	3,024.51
Sealing	3,843.27
Capital Reserve	3,000.00

Payments to Govt. Divisions

County	7,210.60
School	34,967.46

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	\$ 95,432.66
Cash On Hand 12-31-75	13,306.89
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	\$108,739.55

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Richard W. Clancy, Chmn. June 1, 75 on	475.00
David J. Albert, Salary Selectman	400.00
Wendell H. Gilchrist, Chmn. to June 1, 75	425.00
C. Denis Matthews, Secretary	400.00
Betty Ann deMello, Tax Collector	115.26
Mildred E. Schweitzer, Town Clerk	200.00
Mildred E. Schweitzer, Tax Collector	637.60
Bonnie Lee Albert, Treas.	300.00
Helen Albert, Trustee of Trust Funds	20.00
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	\$ 2,972.86

Town Officers' Expenses

Paul Buck, auditing	150.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	88.50
New England Tel., phone	83.64
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags & supp.	28.33
N.H. Assoc. of Assessors, dues	10.00
N.E. Assoc. of City & Town Clerks, dues	5.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc., dues	100.00
N.H. Town & City Clerks Assoc., dues	10.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc., dues	10.00
Mtn. Media, Town Reports	554.00
Rand's, supplies	11.76
Betty deMello, supp.	.21
Enterprise Press, printing, notices	40.70
Mildred Schweitzer, petty cash	80.00
Hebron Post Office, box rent, stamps	76.35
Richard W. Clancy, expenses	79.17
David J. Albert, expenses	21.65
Wendell H. Gilchrist, expenses	32.20
Kenneth Martell, moving files	5.00
Lee Adams, moving files	5.00
Joseph Matthews, moving files & truck rent	10.00
Sceva Speare Mem. Hosp., D. Albert check up	5.00
Vlastimil Zak, M.D.	15.00
Homestead Press, tax bills & envelopes	29.31
The Mt. Washington, Town Clerk convention	84.00
Red Jacket, Tax. Coll. convention	63.40
State of N.H., entry fee legalize tn. mtg.	1.00
State of N.H., boat tax reports	2.31
Mildred Schweitzer, expenses	76.20
Lewis Albert, reimb., tel. expenses	6.23
Bonnie Lee Albert, expenses	56.90

Branham Publishing, auto ref. books	12.15
Clay's News Stand, record book	16.00
Pemi Nat'l Bank, printed checks	57.31
Treas. State of N.H., April Audit	725.32
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	\$ 2,551.64

Election & Registration

Elaine Karkheck, supervisor mtgs. & exp.	93.19
Yvonne Stevens, supervisor	65.25
Judith Dill, supervisor	50.63
Ruth Adams, ballot clk.	24.76
Emily Elliott, ballot clk.	30.38
Deanna Joslyn, ballot clk.	16.88
Mtn. Media, checklist	63.00
Zelma Watts, ballot clk.	29.25
Bonnie Lee Albert, ballot clk.	4.50
Beatrice Smith, ballot clk.	2.25
William Anderson, moderator	37.13
Enterprise Press, checklist & notice	76.20
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	\$ 493.42

Town Hall & Other Bldgs.

N.H. Elec. Coop, power	174.32
Carr Co., Inc., oil	253.76
Trumbull Hardware, lock	2.59
Ralph Dill, plug	20.00
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	\$ 450.67

Library Flood Loan

Groton Library, loan in anticipation of flood money for book purchase	1,104.48
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Health Dept.

Pemi-Baker Home Health	159.00
Newfound Area Ambulance	225.00
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	\$ 384.00

Street Lights

N.H. Elec. Coop, power	192.00
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Libraries

Groton Library, approp.	500.00
John Matthews, window repair	6.00
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	\$ 506.00

Sealing

Lewis Albert, labor	220.50
Joseph Matthews, labor	8.25
Richard W. Clancy, labor	145.75
Lee Adams, labor	70.12
Kenneth Martell, labor	11.00
James Albert, labor	30.25
Ernest Matthews, Jr., labor	27.50
David Carter, labor	22.00
James Albert, truck	175.50
James Spead, truck	95.00
Lewis Albert, truck	51.00
Edward Smith, equipment & gravel	293.00
Raymond Davis, grader	272.00
Mrs. Arthur Ashley, sand	37.50
N.H. Bituminous, oil	1,422.21
Campton Sand & Gravel, sand	961.69
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	\$ 3,843.27

Summer Maintenance

Lewis Albert, labor	510.00
Lewis Albert, equipment	194.00
Nicholas Adams, labor	233.75
Linley Ordway, labor	16.50
James Albert, labor	184.25
James Albert, equipment	158.00
Ernest Matthews, Jr., labor	112.75
David Carter, labor	104.50
David Carter, equipment	16.00
Raymond Davis, equipment	336.00
Edward Smith, equipment rental	1,652.50
Joseph Matthews, labor	11.00
Robert Downing, hauling brush	105.00
Robert Higgins, chipper rental	20.00
Lee Adams, labor	63.25
Kenneth Martell, labor	35.75
William Johnson, labor	13.75
Hawkensen Enterprises, sharpening blade	5.00
Pete Samuelson, blasting	20.00
Douglas Clark, hauling brush	195.00
Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch	145.73
Paul Hemeon, gravel	110.25
Fred Harris, mowing	32.75
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	\$ 4,275.73

Winter Maintenance

Lewis Albert, labor	1,242.00
James Albert, labor	566.50
Edward Smith, labor	235.13
Nicholas Adams, labor	468.84
Richard W. Clancy, labor	178.75
David Carter, labor	5.50
William Johnson, labor	11.00
Joseph Matthews, labor	86.63
Ernest Matthews, labor	16.50
Everett Hobart, labor	12.38
David Albert, labor	15.13
Lewis Albert, truck	585.00
James Albert, saws	20.00
James Albert, trip to W.R. Jct.	10.00
Edward Smith, equip. & gravel	1,054.00
Nicholas Adams, saws	20.00
Joseph Matthews, saw	12.00
Hebron Village Store, oil	6.40
Camper's Rest, gas	33.29
Norman Waldron, plowing	18.00
Richard Humphrey, plowing	100.00
Raymond Davis, sand	65.00
Norris Smith, labor	11.00
James Parris, plowing	155.00
International Salt Co., salt	176.89
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	\$ 5,104.94

General Highway Expense:

Rands, iron pipe	3.92
Shortt's Garage, cable	7.80
N.H. Explosives, cutting blade	215.30
Speare's Garage, truck repairs	154.42
Hedge & Mattheis, sander repairs	154.90
Bartlett Motors, tail light	17.25
John Matthews, sander cover	36.00
George Merrill, sander cover	24.00
H. & K. Shell, gas, inspection, tire chg.	122.83
Yeaton Oil, gas	911.38
Chas. Gould, welding, parts, labor	172.49
R.P. Williams, sander cover materials	124.11
E.W. Sleeper Co., sander parts	9.73
Hawkensen Enterprises, hose for wing	58.87
Belknap Tire Co., tire change	20.00
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	\$ 2,033.00

Highway Subsidy [Gas Tax]

Edward Smith, equipment rental	530.00
James Parris, equipment rental	125.00
Richard Humphrey, equipment rental	35.00
International Salt Co., salt	388.91
Cargill Salt, salt	179.50
Town of Hebron, equipment rental	33.00
Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch	1,733.10
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	\$ 3,024.51

TRA Payroll

Lewis Albert, labor	490.00
James Albert, labor	463.80
Nicholas Adams	72.00
Ernest Matthews Jr., labor	156.00
Edward Smith, equipment	482.00
Lawrence Sharp, equipment	646.35
David Carter, labor	171.00
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	\$ 2,481.15
TRA '74 overdraft	42.32
State Treas.	291.05
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	\$ 2,814.52

Town Dump

Lewis Albert, labor	37.12
Nicholas Adams, labor	8.00
Edward Smith, dozing	150.00
Everett Hobart, labor	565.87
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	\$ 760.99

Town House

Paul Hazelton, repair sills	857.88
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Library Lights

Ralph Dill, installing	150.00
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Fire

C. Denis Matthews, fire mtg.	32.66
James Parris, fire mtg.	28.60
Hebron Fire Dept., approp.	225.00
Rumney Fire Dept. approp.	225.00
Town of Hebron, fire phone	51.00
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	\$ 562.26

Insurance

John C. Ray Agency, multi peril	884.00
John C. Ray Agency, truck liab.	475.00
John C. Ray Agency, officers bonds	104.00
John C. Ray Agency, workmen's comp.	532.00
John C. Ray Agency, plow liab.	89.00
John C. Ray Agency, radios	50.00
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	\$ 2,134.00

Groton Planning Board

Groton Planning Board, approp.	200.00
Paul M. Buck, reimb. expenses	71.06
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	\$ 271.06

Police

W.S. Darley Co., sirens, light	76.86
Sa-So, badges	64.20
Homestead Press, summons	16.79
Kidder's Radio, repairs	7.95
MacDonald's Assoc., name tags	15.00
David Albert, mileage reimb.	85.70
Est. of Carl Pebbles, sal.	282.00
Wright Communications, radio repair	49.55
Alexander Lennox, police services	100.20
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	\$ 698.25

Old Age Assistance

Treas., State of N.H.	665.00
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Memorial Day

H.A. Holt & Sons, flag	39.43
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Cemeteries

Clayton Hobart, mowing	87.50
Shirley Smith, mowing	60.00
Shirley (Smith) Willey, mowing	27.50
Richard W. Clancy, reimb. flags, gas	13.74
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	\$ 188.74

Legal Expenses & Damages

William Hopkins, legal work	263.50
William Hopkins, fracus	300.00
Robert Racine, petition to Superior Court	346.00
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	\$ 909.50

Taxes Bought by Town

Town of Groton	2,022.16
Register of Deeds, recording costs	92.28
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	\$ 2,114.44

Discounts, Abatements & Refunds

Robert Shand, refund, over-assess.	65.55
William Kellett, overpayment	9.43
John King, overpayment by bond on yield tax	6.67
George Karkheck, refund over-assess.	62.50
James J. Albert, over-assess. 74 yield tax	38.02
Discounts per tax collector	
list due taxpayers	30.30
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	\$ 212.47

Federal Income Tax Withheld

Internal Revenue Service	351.30
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Bicentennial

Approp. Town Meeting	169.40
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Interest

Pemi Nat'l Bank, int. temp loan	48.89
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Temporary Loan

Pemi. Nat'l. Bank 8-25 to 10-9	10,000.00
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Capital Reserve Payments

Trustee of Trust Funds	
Tax Maps	2,000.00
Town Truck	1,000.00

Payments to County

Treas. Grafton County	7,210.60
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Payments to School Districts

Newfound Area School District	34,967.46
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Taxpayer Insufficient Checks

Checks Returned to Town	721.25
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

I did not perform a certified audit for the town of Groton as regards the financial statements at December 31, 1975. However, I did perform a town audit following all procedures as prescribed by the division of Municipal Accounting of the State of New Hampshire and found no material misstatements.

Paul M. Buck

AUDITOR'S REPORT REVENUE SHARING FUND

I have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Groton, N.H. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975.

In my opinion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances, and Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures and encumbrances incurred, and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Groton, N.H. for the year ended December 31, 1975.

Signed
Paul M. Buck
Auditor
Town of Groton, N.H.

Date: 2/3/76

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Payments Jan. 1, 1975 to Dec. 31, 1975

Kathy Buck, materials and services	264.45
Ken Lamos, services	10.50
National Geographic Society, books	33.30
Bro-Dart, Inc., books	454.52
Field Enterprises, books	148.50
University Book Service, books	102.04
Educational Reading Services, books	148.54
Simon and Schuster, books	87.13
Regent Book Co., books	213.03
N.H. State Library, books	14.90
H.W. Wilson Co., books	65.00
N.H. Christmas Gifts, books	13.40
Book Dept., Yankee Inc., books	27.85
Walker's Pond Press, books	15.00
Keene High School Bicentennial, books	8.95
Hoyt's History, books	13.25
Peter E. Randall, books	24.50
Jean Karr & Co., books	58.54
Chas. A. Carr Co., fuel	46.29
Bank Service Charge	.32

	\$1,750.01
Balance	114.98

	\$1,864.99

Receipts Jan. 1, 1975 to Dec. 31, 1975

Cash on hand	260.51
Grant from Flood Damage	1,104.48
Selectmen's appropriation	500.00

	\$1,864.99
 Kathy Buck, Librarian:	
Material reimbursement	64.20
Services	200.25
50-1/2 hours donated time	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books Purchased - 1975	
Adult (fiction & non-fiction)	35
Juvenile (fiction & non-fiction)	81
Books Donated - 1975	
Adult (fiction & non-fiction)	213
Juvenile (fiction & non-fiction)	8
Books owned January, 1975	1,539

TOTAL books owned January, 1976	1,876
Books borrowed from Bookmobile	1,228
Services	
Adult volumes loaned	250
Juvenile volumes loaned	605

TOTAL	855

This past year the library has received steady use by an increasing number of townspeople; over thirty cards have been issued, and over half of these belong to steady borrowers. A children's workshop was held four mornings this summer; an average of ten children attended each session and participated in the various activities which included stories, games, and art projects. The new lighting is a great improvement, and has made evening use of the library much more practical.

Our future needs will be to continue updating the library's collection by adding new volumes, and to improve the present heating system.

The library exists to serve the townspeople; if you're not already a user, plan to become one in 1976!

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Buck
Librarian

The Town has received in 1976 \$300.00 for the Groton-Hebron School Library and \$200.00 for the Groton Police Dept. from the Merrimack Valley Trail Riders, who "hope that you and the townspeople will accept the gift in the spirit in which we offer it. To the Police Department, because they helped so much, and to the children, because it is one way we can say thank-you to the Towns without having to name names - just children."

POLICE REPORT

Roadside camping, mainly along the Dorchester Woods Road, continues to be a problem to landowners, and also a potential forest fire danger. Vandalism has increased, and dogs continue to be a source of complaints.

We lost our Chief, Carl Pebbles, in November. He served the Town well in several capacities over the years. We want to thank the Grafton County Sheriff's Department and the special officers who helped Carl out during the summer. It is significant that these officers did so without charge to the Town. Alexander Lennox was appointed Acting Chief until Town Meeting.

It is our belief that we need more police protection than at any time in the past, and we have asked for a substantial increase in this area. We also ask voters to approve funds for the purchase of new equipment under LEAA, if matching funds are available. Our radio was purchased last year under this program at substantial savings.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Groton's Bicentennial Committee is currently working in two major areas: first, planning the Town's Bicentennial Celebration, and second, working with the Newfound Area Bicentennial Committee.

The Newfound Area Bicentennial Committee is working to coordinate all area activities, and is producing Bicentennial souvenirs commemorating area towns, including a calendar which is now on sale at area stores.

Plans for Groton's Bicentennial Activities include:

1. Cleaning up two of the older cemeteries (Kimball and Bailey Hill) which are off the main roads, and badly in need of clearing.
2. Developing a brochure detailing Groton's historic sites.
3. Writing a town history (any material you could share would be welcome!)
4. Marking various historic sites.
5. Holding an Old Home Day and Historic display at the Town House on August 21.

In addition, we would like to apply for a grant from the Federal Government, to be used, with an equal amount raised by the Town, for restoration of the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Buck
Jean Ray
Co-Chairmen

PLANNING BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT

Bill Anderson
Paul Buck
Ralph Dill

Dick Hickel
Jean Ray
Bob Skinner

As a result of the 1975 Town Meeting, the members of the Planning Board started meeting to insure to the best of their ability that Groton will grow with purpose and order. Desiring direction from all property owners of Groton, about 300 questionnaires were distributed. A return of over 50 percent was received, much to the delight of the members. The results of the survey are being coordinated and analyzed. A special hearing is being planned to formally display the desires of the property owners and indicate to the public the direction the Planning Board shall take to achieve its goal.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Skinner
Vice Chairman-Secretary

NEWFOUND AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

1975

Received from five towns	\$3,565.00
Donations	35.00
Bank Interest	45.57
Food Sale	250.75

\$3,896.32

Paid to Fred V. Emmons	3,500.00
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Balance Savings A / C	396.32
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Total Calls	170
Paid Calls	109
Unpaid Calls	48
False Calls	13

Bristol	90
Alexandria	21
New Hampton	18
Bridgewater	14
Hebron	10
Hill	6
Groton	8
Danbury	3

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

REPORT TO TOWNS

Upon the recommendation of town selectmen and city councils, the Division of Forests and Lands appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town and city every three years. The town or city warden is responsible for maintaining a force of men and adequate equipment to suppress any wildfire that occurs in his town or city during his term of appointment. The fire warden must authorize all open burning when the ground is not covered with snow. No open fires can be authorized between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., unless it is raining, without the additional permission of the state district fire chief.

Any person wishing to kindle an open fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the forest fire warden. Camp and cooking fires also require the warden's permission.

The Division of Forests and Lands, through its Forest Fire Service, assists all cities and towns in meeting these requirements by training the warden and deputy forces in wildfire suppression tactics, making hand tool suppression equipment available at fifty percent of cost, supplying pieces of Federal excess property for use as fire attack vehicles and sharing up to fifty percent of the cost of wildfire suppression costs.

Wildfire prevention is also an joint state, city or town program. Smokey bear is available from the Forest Fire Service for local fire prevention programs. Posters and Junior Ranger kits are available for distribution by local fire departments upon request to the Forest Fire Service. Each forest fire warden is expected to carry on a continuous wildfire prevention program within his town or city.

1975 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	718	800
District	26	16.5
Town	0	0

John Q. Ricard	Carroll D. Matthews
District Chief	Forest Fire Warden

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

In Laconia, N.H., on July 5, 1974, John Patrick Thomas, son of Clarence & Joan Thomas.

In Plymouth, N.H., on February 15, 1975, Adam Michael Skinner, son of Robert & Crystal Skinner.

In Laconia, N.H., on April 11, 1975, Christine Lee Guy, daughter of LeRoy and Laurie Guy, Jr.

In Laconia, N.H., on December 28, 1975, Treva Ernest Smith, son of Edward & Vickie Smith.

Deaths

In Plymouth, N.H., on November 22, 1975, Carl James Pebbles, Sr. - Age 82.

Marriages

In Bridgewater, N.H., June 22, 1975, by William R. Weir, Justice of the Peace, Edward N. Smith & Vickie Lee Matthews.

In Hebron, N.H., July 12, 1975, by John M. Fischer, Clergyman, Norman Charles Willey and Shirley Louise Smith.

In Hebron, N.H., October 9, 1975, by John M. Fischer, Clergyman, Wolfgang W. Kaiser and Betty Ann deMello.

**STATE AUDIT REPORT
TOWN OF GROTON
NOV. 5, 1975**

Recommendations

1. The practice of the town purchasing tires for the personal use of town officials should be discontinued immediately as this results, as stated earlier in this report, in the violation of federal and state statutes.

2. All disbursements authorized by the Board of Selectmen should be fully substantiated by itemized vendor invoices, receiving slips, etc.

3. Steps should be taken by the current Town Treasurer and Trustee of Trust Funds to achieve compliance with the provisions of RSA 41:4 which prohibits a person from serving as both Town Treasurer and Trustee of Trust Funds.

4. Greater care should be taken in the preparation of the annual financial report (Form M-5) to the end that all of the town's assets and liabilities shall be reflected therein.

5. The Selectmen should file on a timely basis claims for refunds of federal and state gasoline taxes with the appropriate agencies.

6. In accordance with the provisions of RSA 41:46, individual records of town aid to welfare recipients should be set up and maintained forthwith.

7. All petty cash reimbursements for whatever purpose should be fully substantiated by itemized paid receipts.

Conclusion:

A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire. This is consistent with our usual practice where the results of our audits or investigations disclose irregular activities.

The contents of this report may not be made public in any manner or discussed with any unauthorized persons without the express consent of the Attorney General.

Upon proper clearance by the Attorney General, the provisions of Chapter 71-A, Section 21, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, require that the auditor's summary of findings and recommendations shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. The exhibits contained in this report may be published at the discretion of the Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

One copy of the enclosed report must be given to the Town Clerk for retention as part of the permanent Town records.

We extend our thanks to the officials and employees of the Town of Groton for their assistance and cooperation during the course of this investigation.

Very truly yours,
Frederick E. Laplante
Director
Municipal Services Division
Dept. of Revenue Administration

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University of N. H. Library
Durham, N. H. 03824

